


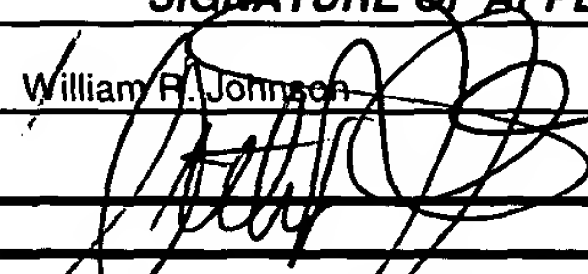
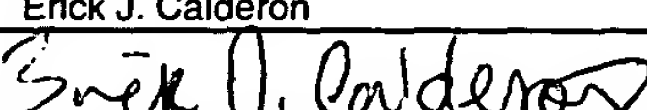
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<div style="text-align: center;"> REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL <small>Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application</small></div>	Application Number	09/280,791
	Filing Date	March 26, 1999
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	Group Art Unit	1771
	Examiner Name	C. Pratt
	Attorney Docket Number	09019.0058

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53 (d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

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ii.	<input type="checkbox"/> Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____	
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iii.	<input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)	01 FC:179 740.00 OP
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b.	<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____	
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ii.	<input type="checkbox"/> Three-Month Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.1356 and 1.17) – (\$530.00)	
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